Roxbury, Dec. 18, 1867.

My dear Wendell:

Your letter, enclosing a very pressing one from Mr. McKim, was received yesterday.

I also received a letter from Oliver, saying they would expect me to stay at Mrs. Savin's on Friday night. I have written to him that it will give great pleasure to accept the proffered hospitality, but telling him not to take the trouble to be at the depot on my arrival, as I know my way to his home in East 12th Street perfectly well.

I will be at the office of "The Nation" in good season Saturday forenoon; only do me not arrange to have the carriage meet at Orange at 12.30 that day, as at that very hour I have an appointment with Mrs. Vizcarrondo, at 23 West Tenth Street; and so will go out to Orange with you in the afternoon, at your usual time. Mrs. V. is the wife of one of the Spanish delegates whom I met at the Paris Anti-Slavery Conference. I presume she

is on a mission to this country with reference to the abolition of slavery in Cuba.

You must have had a severe time of it, last week, in getting to and from New York. The Park is a beautiful rose indeed, but with a sharp thorn to it.

Kisses for Lucy and Lloyd, and the most affectionate regards to Mr. and Mrs. McKim.

I am at present unable to decide whether to return home on Tuesday night, or to spend Christmas with you. On some accounts I should like to be at home on that festival; but I hardly feel reconciled to making you so hurried a visit.

Last evening I attended a meeting of the Ladies' Freedmen's Society at Cambridge, taking tea first with Charles Eliot Norton. There was a very respectable audience, but largely composed of ladies. Mr. Norton presided, and made an excellent introductory speech, occupying about forty minutes.

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He then referred to me in a very complimentary manner, and read Lowell's verses, "In a small chamber," &c., and invited me to the platform. Strange to say, I had never before addressed an audience in Cambridge. I was very warmly received, and spoke for about three quarters of an hour; my remarks being well received. Richard H. Dana followed me in a handsome reference to my anti-slavery career, and in an able and forcible appeal in behalf of the Freedmen's cause. He was followed by Dr. Palfrey in a similar strain. It was a very interesting occasion.

Ellie and her mother have gone to West Medford to spend the day. Darling Agnes is with us. Of course, you have been apprised that Mrs. Hallowell has given birth to a son, whose name is to be James Mott.

William has been doing a very satisfactory business in wool the present month.

Your loving father, W. L. G.